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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 15-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/22/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/15/04
BRO-FRY	162,971	164,139
LT HENS	1,458	1,513
HVY HENS	1,439	1,019

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 15-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	310	8	318
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	163	0	163
SAME WEEK YR AGO	211	0	211
TO-DATE/2004	4,519	61	4,580
TO-DATE/2003	5,248	64	5,312

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,720	1,222	2,942
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,491	1,354	2,845
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,704	1,313	3,017
TO-DATE/2004	29,314	24,234	53,548
TO-DATE/2003	37,764	25,310	63,074

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624
AVG WT	5.24	3.31	8.05	5.50
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,101	1,328	1,354	2,682
SAME WK YR AGO	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806
AVG WT	5.25	3.42	7.93	5.53
TO-DATE/2004	2,926,562	24,795	24,173	48,968
TO-DATE/2003	2,882,015	32,516	25,246	57,762

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.4 million head or 2.2 which was 99% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-May-2004

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,848	22,792	53,122
Avg Weight	3.72	4.73	6.38
% of total /1	28%	22%	51%
Last week	24,546	22,584	48,500
Avg Weight	3.72	4.76	6.35
% of total /1	26%	24%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,759	32,656	48,513
Avg Weight	3.79	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	24%	31%	45%
To date/2004	472,888	395,706	807,332
To date/2003	442,216	421,966	786,784

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-May-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,807	2,612	34	2	4,455
AVG WT	16.20	37.21	26.21	41.08	28.60
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,951	2,446	61	13	4,471
SAME WK YR AGO	2,120	2,863	97	10	5,090
AVG WT	16.00	36.85	26.47	30.84	27.59
TO-DATE/2004	32,564	47,076	849	139	80,628
TO-DATE/2003	33,979	51,936	1,223	289	87,427

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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